



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation'

Fourth Sunday before Advent - 2nd November 2025

Please Note! This service is also broadcast live on YouTube at 10:00am.

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Welcome and introduction

Please follow the service in the green coloured booklet

First Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and salvation:

All ye who hear,

Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or
when fainting sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen

How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall
daily attend thee:

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in
me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come
now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again:

Gladly for ay we adore him.

J Neander (1650 - 80) Tr

Catherine Winkworth (1829 - 78)

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have
kindled the flame of love in the hearts
of the saints; grant to us the same
faith and power of love, that, as we
rejoice in their triumphs, we may be
sustained by their example and
fellowship; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever,
Amen.

First Reading

2 Thessalonians 1: 1—12

¹ Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in
God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

² Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

⁵ All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

⁶ God is just: he will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marvelled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

¹¹ With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹² We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea

But that thy Blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height
to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789 - 1871)

Gospel Reading

Luke 19 : 1—10

Alleluia, Alleluia,

The word of the Lord endures for ever.
The word of the Lord is the good news
announced to you.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord.

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'

⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of Lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837 - 98)

We do not pass a collection plate during the Offertory, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision to scan the QR code on the notice in the pew, or at the back of church for donations in cash, weekly envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.

The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free;
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Words: Eddie Joseph Burns (b.1938)

Organ voluntary :

Bach Prelude in C major BWV 547

Morning Prayer

Join us in the St Paul's Church chancel area for 15 minutes simple morning prayer and a bible thought on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am
(Do bring a bible if you can)

Mothers Union

The monthly meeting of the Mothers Union takes place this
Tuesday, 4th November. 7:30 – 8:30pm
in the Centenary Rooms of
St. Paul's Church

Feeling a little bit isolated, why not become part '**Friday Friends**'
We are a small group of local people who meet each Friday morning at 11:00am at either the Old Station Café, Longridge, or Saars Café—Longridge Hub. We would love you to join us.

First Anniversary of Baptism

Temperance Whitham
Robert Dewhurst
Henry Dewhurst
Florence Dewhurst
Nate Timbrell
Hallie Timbrell



All Souls' Service of Thanksgiving



TONIGHT at 6:30pm,
our Annual Service of
Hymns and Reflection
for those that we hold
close in our hearts, but
see no longer, takes place at St. Lawrence's.

Church Bereavement Support Group

Next Meeting tomorrow
Monday 3rd November 2025
(Meetings are held on the
First Monday of the Month)
Time 7:30 - 9:00pm
St Paul's Church, Church Street
Longridge , PR3 3WA
Refreshments provided

Winter Fair

Saturday 22nd November, 2025
In St. Paul's Church, 11am - 1.30pm

Raffle tickets now available. Leading up to the fair donations of raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bottles for bottle tombola, good quality soft toys, paperback books plus any new items felt appropriate would be much appreciated.

Next Sunday's Services-November 9th 2025 - Remembrance Sunday

10.45am – Community Remembrance Service
including 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial.

11:20am approx. 'Civic Remembrance Service' at St. Paul's Church
6:30pm 'Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance' at St. Lawrence's Church